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1. PARA THREE REFTEL A MUST HAVE BEEN AMBIGUOUSLY WORDED.
WE HAVE NEVER INTENDED TO NOMINATE "REFLECTIONS" FOR BITF.
THIS EXHIBIT WILL BE SHOWN IN ONE OF SEVERAL BUCHAREST ART
MUSEUMS OR CULTURAL CENTERS. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT
"AGRICULTURE" IS SLATED FOR THE BUCHAREST FAIR.

2. WHAT WE WISH TO FIND OUT, FIRST OF ALL, IS WHETHER
"AGRICULTURE" ALSO WILL TOUR THE PROVINCES MINUS ITS COMMERCE
COMPONENT. IF IT WILL THEN WE NEED TO KNOW WHICH EXHIBIT -
"AGRICULTURE" OR "REFLECTIONS" - THE AGENCY WOULD PREFER THAT
WE NOMINATE UNDER ARTICLE III(10) OF THE AGREEMENT FOR ITS
PROVINCIAL SHOWINGS. AS THE AGENCY IS AWARE, UNDER III(10)
THE ROMANIANS PAY CERTAIN OF THE EXHIBIT'S COSTS, ACCORDING
TO PARA III (B) OF THE IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS. PRESUMABLY,
IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTERESTS TO NOMINATE THE EXHIBIT THAT WOULD
HAVE HIGHER COSTS IN THE CATEGORIES COVERED IN III (B) OF
THE CONDITIONS, THEREBY LIGHTENING THE USG'S FINANCIAL LOAD.
IF HOWEVER "AGRICULTURE" WILL NOT TOUR THE PROVINCES, THEN
WE WOULD OF COURSE NOMINATE "REFLECTIONS" UNDER III (10)
OF THE AGREEMENT FOR ITS PROVINCIAL SHOWINGS.

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3. IT'S ACTUALLY NOT THAT SIMPLE THOUGH. "200 YEARS OF

AMERICAN ART" ALSO MUST ENTER INTO THE EQUATION. IF WE GET "200 YEARS," IT WOULD BE ONLY FOR A BUCHAREST SHOWING, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD NOMINATE IT UNDER III (10) FOR THIS BUCHAREST SHOWING, AND EITHER ONE OF THE OTHER TWO EXHIBITS, PER PARA TWO ABOVE, FOR THE PROVINCES UNDER THIS ARTICLE OF THE AGREEMENT.

4. IF WE DON'T GET "200 YEARS," THEN WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION: NOMINATE "REFLECTIONS" BOTH FOR BUCHAREST AND THE PROVINCES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER "AGRICULTURE" WILL BE SHOWN OUTSIDE OF BUCHAREST. OUR REASON IS THIS: IT WOULD CONFUSE THE ROMANIANS TO NOMINATE REFLECTIONS UNDER III (10) FOR BUCHAREST AND THEN AGRICULTURE UNDER THE SAME ARTICLE FOR THE PROVINCES.

5. PERHAPS IT IS TIME TO RECAPITULATE. THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS FOR WHICH WE NEED ANSWERS:

- WILL AGRICULTURE GO TO THE PROVINCES?

- IF IT DOES, SHOULD WE NOMINATE IT OR REFLECTIONS FOR THE PROVINCES UNDER III (10)?

- WILL WE GET "200 YEARS"?

6. AS THE AGENCY CAN EASILY TELL, WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ASAP RE ALL THE ABOVE SO AS TO CLARIFY OUR EXHIBIT PROGRAM FOR 1976. PLS ADVISE.
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